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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the non-final Official Action dated September 19,  
2000 having an initial response date of December 19, 2000.

**In The Claims:**

Please amend claims 10 and 16, and add new claims 24-44 as follows:

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10. (Amended) A method for the treatment of the skin of a consumer comprising the  
steps of:

a) applying to the skin a first composition comprising an effective amount of an acid  
suitable as a skin renewing acid [component] in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, wherein  
the pH of the first composition is between about 2.5 and about 4; and

b) neutralizing said first composition by applying to the skin a second composition  
comprising an alkaline agent suitable for use in a skin care composition, and from about 0.1  
to about 10% of at least one surfactant/emulsifying agent in a cosmetically acceptable

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